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SRI K. B. S. MANI : இந்த ஆதார உயர்நிலைப்பள்ளி படிப்பு விஷயம் பிற்கால வாழ்க்கைக்கு மாணவர்களுக்கு ஓரளவு திருப்தி அளிக்காத காரணத்தினாலும், அதனுடைய தரக்குறைவு காரணத்தினாலும் தானே அவர்களை காலேஜில் சேர்க்க மறுக்கிறார்கள் ? இந்தத் தரக்குறைவை நீக்கி, அவர்களுக்கு ஹைஸ்கூல் படிப்பு எந்தத்தர அளவுக்கு கொடுக்கிறார்களோ அந்த அளவுக்குக் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முயற்சிக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : தரக்குறைவு இருப்பதாக எனக்குத் தெரியவில்லை. சில விஷயங்களிலே சாதாரண பள்ளிக்கூடங்களைவிட இங்கே படிப்பின் தரம் அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது. இருந்தாலும், இது யுனிவர்ஸிடி கவனிக்கவேண்டிய விஷயம்.

Population and Block Development (Utharakosamangai)

* 880 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the population of the town of Utharakosamangai, Ramanathapuram district; and

(b) whether this place is covered under Block Development?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) The population of the Utharakosamangai town as per the 1951 census is 1,225.

(b) No. Sir. I am unable to understand the interest evinced by the hon. Member in this place 'Utharakosamangai' (Laughter).

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : In my various sojourns in the country, I had come across this place also. Sir, in view of the ancient culture attached to this place and its religious lore and also in view of the fact that it still continues to have a mediæval character of an undeveloped nature, will the Government take steps to bring this town under the Block Development scheme?

THE HON. C. SUBRAMANIAM : The other thing will also have to be considered, whether this atmosphere there would not be spoiled by modernising it.

MR. SPEAKER : Now that the Hon. Minister for Industries has come, we can take up the questions relating to his department.

Mineral Survey (Kanyakumari district)

* 863 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Mineral Survey was conducted in the Kanyakumari district recently; and

(b) if so, when and the results thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Geological mapping and Mineral Survey in parts of Thovala, Agastheswaram and Kalkulam taluks of Kanyakumari district were conducted during the year 1958–59 covering an area of 320 square miles.

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(b) The following occurrence of minerals have been recorded :—

(1) Building stone and Road metal.
(2) Graphite.
(3) Small heaps of iron slag.
(4) Tuffaceous limestone and Kankar.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know whether a similar survey was conducted before the year 1956 and whether in that survey, the existence of some costly minerals was found in that district? May I also know whether the present survey that was conducted was an intensive survey?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I have no information as to whether any survey was conducted before 1956. This survey was conducted during 1958-59 and 1959-60. If the hon. Member specifies any particular mineral, I shall have it examined whether it was discovered before.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know whether in the list that the Hon. Minister just now read, the existence of ilmenite and monosite were included? May I also know whether it is a complete list?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : They are already there. These are the new occurrences which we have recorded.

Handloom Finance Corporation

* 864 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) when the Handloom Finance Corporation would start functioning : and

(b) the functions of the Corporation?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) The proposal to set up a Handloom Finance Corporation has been sent to the All-India Handloom Board for approval. The Corporation will be set up after the Board approves the proposal.

(b) The Corporation will finance the production and marketing of handloom cloth by the weavers outside the co-operative fold.

Textile work (wages)

* 865 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் கைத் தொழில் அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) அகில இந்திய பஞ்சாலை சம்பள நிர்ணய போர்டு சிபாரிசின்படி கொடுக்கும் மாதம் 8 ரூபாய் சம்பளம், சம்பளத் துடன் சேர்க்காமல் தனியாக பில்லில் போடப்படுவது சர்க்கா ருக்குத் தெரியுமா ?